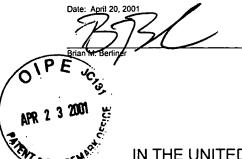
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application, dated October 24, 2000, or until April 24, 2001.

Enclosed is a check for \$695.00 to pay the four-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(4).

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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